

### Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, applicants hereby elect Group III while reserving the right to file continuation and divisional patent applications directed to the non-elected claims. Group III was identified by the Examiner as including claims 38 and 39, drawn to a patient support, classified in Class 180, subclass 15.

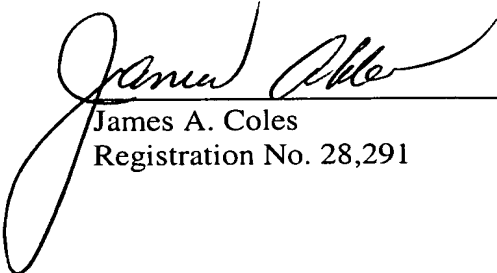
By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein and new claims 40-79 are added. Thus, claims 38-79 are presently pending in the above-identified application. Applicants submit that all of claims 38-79 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

If necessary, applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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